

# Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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## SUGAR CREEK ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Mayor**  
Matt Mallinson

**Aldermen**  
Stanley J. Sagehorn  
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Lorcan Doyle  
Robert Ray

**City Administrator**  
Ron Martinovich

**City Clerk**  
Jana Olivarez-Dickerson

**City Marshal**  
Christopher Soule

**Fire Chief**  
Patrick Casey

**City Treasurer**  
Linda Martinovich

**Building Official**  
Paul Loving

**Director of  
Public Works**  
Ed Layton

**City Attorney**  
C. Robert Buckley

**Municipal Judge**  
Garry L. Helm

**Municipal Court Clerk**  
Cassie Williams

## Traditions Continue At The 2016 Slavic Fest!



Sugar Creek continues to celebrate its Slavic heritage at this year's 31st annual Slavic Fest on June 10-11. Grammy-nominated musician Alex Meixner returns to headline the festival with energizing performances of both traditional and contemporary polka music that will get you up on your feet. Nominate your favorite candidates to participate in the annual Sausage Eating Contest to see them crowned as Kielbasa King or Queen! The contest is sponsored by Peter June's House of Kielbasa.

Join us as we honor the Slavic heritage of Sugar Creek through food, music and entertainment in the two-day event. Performances by groups such as the Sugar Creek Ethnic Dance Troupe, Kolo Kids, Tamburitzans, PromoUkraine, Kolograd and village musicians will fill your weekend along with Slavic meals including sarma, kielbasa or roznijnici. Feed your sweet tooth with povitica, kolache and other Slavic baked goods. And you can wash it all down with a selection of cold beer, soda and other beverages. There will also be a kid's zone available for your youngsters to enjoy.

Check out the full festival schedule at [slavicfest.com/festival](http://slavicfest.com/festival).

**VOLUNTEER AT THE FESTIVAL!** Get involved in your community through volunteering at this year's Slavic Festival. It's a great chance to meet your neighbors and give back to your city. Help is needed before, during and after the event. Here's a schedule of times available for you to help out.



- **TICKET SALES (BEVERAGES, GATE, MEALS):**  
*Contact Rosemary Dotson 816-461-7806*
- **FOOD PREPARATION HELP (bring paring knife):**  
*June 7 (2:00 p.m.) – dice onions*  
*June 8 (8:30 a.m.) – peel/dice potatoes*
- **FESTIVAL GROUNDS HELP:**  
*There are a large variety of things to be done for both men and women and this is also a great way for your children to get involved!*  
*June 9 and 10 (any time) – Set up grounds*  
*June 12 (9:00 a.m.) – Clean up festival grounds*
- **A NOTE TO OUR SPONSORS**  
*Thanks to our 2016 sponsors for making this year's festival possible! Learn more about our sponsors at [slavicfest.com/sponsors](http://slavicfest.com/sponsors).*



# MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

In April the city of Sugar Creek signed an agreement with Borda Productions to relocate their concert and festival productions from Berkley Park in Kansas City Missouri to LaBenite Park in Sugar Creek. We are incredibly thankful to have been honored with this economic opportunity. Borda Productions has already cleared much of the undergrowth from the trees to make the camping experience of their attendees a more natural experience. The river, woods, camping, fellowship and music are all a superb fit for LaBenite. This company has a long and positive track history of being very professional, progressive and is unprecedented in safety practices over their years in producing their festivals. Many strong letters of recommendations accompanied their portfolio. They attract as many as thirty thousand participants for a weekend event, most of the attendees are from out of town. The man hours they pay to operate each concert is equivalent to ten full time employees. They employ

local people and encourage local vendors. Besides the on grounds camping, hundreds of hotel rooms will be booked. The first event this year will take place over Labor Day weekend.

What does this mean for Sugar Creek? Each of the above sentences are carefully written. I encourage our citizens to analyze one sentence a day during their coffee time. The immediate benefits may be apparent, but it may take a while to see how much this can really mean to our town. Please spend some real think time on this and share your thoughts and suggestions. As our Main Street program grows, we now have even more opportunity to bring commerce to Sterling Avenue

As you know, in the state of Missouri only the city of St. Charles has more river frontage than we do. I have started the dialog with the Lewis and Clark Trails representatives to build a walking trail from Fort Osage all the way to Sugar Creek. A part of this trail already exists from LaBenite back

towards Sugar Creek. One of our goals is to have recreational River Boat traffic on the Missouri River such as local River Boat Cruises. We are also pursuing the same from St. Louis to Sugar Creek and beyond.

Having LaBenite more utilized creates more feasibility for these kinds of projects, as well as opportunities for many more.

The National Parks Service is 100 years old this year, and the National Historic Trails Conference will be held in Independence this June. The NPS has announced that our 40 mile long trail from Wayne City Landing to Gardner Kansas is their number one priority nationwide to culminate. On June 7th, we will be hosting several bus loads of visitors from all across the country at Wayne City Landing. It is amazing how all of this rolls in together.

Borda Productions, welcome to Sugar Creek! Yes, Sugar Creek is going places.

*Thank you,  
Mayor Matt Mallinson*




## RIVERFEST

**ALL FREE  
LIVE MUSIC  
INFLATABLES  
FOOD  
PRIZES  
FACE PAINTING  
CAR & BIKE SHOW**



[www.facebook.com/RiverFest2016](http://www.facebook.com/RiverFest2016)

# JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> 11AM-6PM

## LaBenite Park



BIG C

NINTH HOUR

CALL  
816-695-0621  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

Join us as we celebrate together the love of God. Live performances from Team Xtreme. Live Music from 9th hour band and Rapper Big C. This is a totally FREE event fun for all ages. Lunch will be provided to everyone who comes. There will be activities all day for the kids, like games and inflatables. Remember **FREE! FREE! FREE!**

**GOD'S LOVE  
MINISTRIES AND  
RIVERS OF  
LIVING WATER**  
215 North Sterling  
Sugar Creek, MO

# NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

## Public Works

**PROHIBITED LAND FILL ITEMS**– Please note that the following items CANNOT be picked up with regular refuse collection.

- Liquid paints
- Any type of Motor Oil
- Appliances
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Tires

If you have these items please contact Public Works Department at 816-252-4413.

**CURBSIDE RECYCLING INFORMATION**– Items to recycle include tin cans, newspapers, plastic #1 to #7, cardboard, chip board (cereal box type), white paper, metal and aluminum cans, the items can be co-mingled, no need to sort. When placing recycling in bins, please remember to not place **ANY TRASH** into the bins; the crews have come across many items that are not recyclable. Household waste, animal waste, and glass are a few items that have been found in the bins. These can NOT be recycled.

**REMINDER**– A CITY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE II, SEC 14-17, SEC 14-18, AND SEC 14-19 PROHIBITS CONTAINERS LARGER THAN 35 GALLONS TO BE USED FOR STORING RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD REFUSE. CONTAINERS SHALL NOT EXCEED MORE THAN 65 LBS. AND SHALL HAVE HANDLES AS A LIFTING DEVICE.

The crews have been seeing more and more trash containers heavier than 65 lbs. Trash containers heavier than 65 lbs. will NOT be emptied.

**SHARE YOUR TREASURED MEMORIES**– Brick pavers are the perfect way to share the memory of a loved one, or honor those who are still with us today, and will forever be a part of Wells Park. Paver brick orders are placed twice a year and installed once in the Spring and once in the Fall. These engraved bricks will be seen by all who use Wells Park. Many activities are held at the park during the year for participants to see your brick.

Make a lasting tribute to family, friends or colleagues by personalizing a brick in their honor. Your contribution will help “Pave the Way” for ongoing park improvements. A 4”x8” brick is only \$75.00.

For more information, please contact Sue Mikula at 816-252-4413 ext. 1302, or pick up a brochure at the Public Works or City Hall buildings.

— Sue Mikula, Public Works Administrative Assistant

## Parks & Recreation

**PICNIC IN THE PARK**– We will hold this annual event June 14 at the Harrison Park Shelter House. Cost is \$5.00 per person. We will provide lunch and entertainment from the Blue Moon Trio. Please pre-register for this event by June 3.

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**– The parade will take place on Monday, July 4. Start time will be 11:00 a.m. at Sterling and 24 Hwy., and will end at Mike Onka Parking Lot. If you would like to participate, please contact Connie Dickinson to register. Categories for the parade will be: Auto, Youth, Commercial, Non commercial, Marching, Judges Special, Family.

**BOB ROSS OIL PAINTING CLASSES**– Next class will be held July 17. For a fee of \$35.00 you will be instructed by certified Bob Ross instructor Jean Libby. You will be able to take home your finished painting at the end of the class. These classes will be every other month on the third Saturday.

**NEW DINNER THEATER**– August 17, 2016. \$40.00 per person,

price includes transportation, lunch, and production. We have limited amount of reserved seats you must pre-register for this event.

**YOUTH OF THE MONTH**– Open to all youth residents of Sugar Creek ages K-18. Nomination forms can be picked up at City Hall.

**CLUB WALK**– Club Walk is held at the Sugar Creek gym, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For those interested in walking to stay in shape, keep exercising even during inclement weather. Eighteen times around the gym equals one mile! Periodically we will have rehab facilities attend to enhance our walking program.

**ZUMBA CLASS**– Held Monday and Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Mike Onka Building. Cost of class \$5.00 Please wear comfortable shoes and don't forget to bring water. Certified licensed instructor Krystal Thompson, krystalthompson300@msn.com.

**GARDEN CLUB**– We will hold our next meeting June 16. Call for more information about the location.

**STARLIGHT THEATER & DINNER ON THE TOWN**– We will have tickets for Wednesday, June 15, for the production of *The Bridges of Madison County* and Wednesday, June 29, for the production of *Bullets over Broadway, The Musical*. Cost: \$8.00 per person, which includes transportation and ticket to show. Dinner will be on your own. Limited Tickets available.

**SUGAR CREEK HARVEST MARKET**– The Sugar Creek Harvest Market will operate Thursdays from March through October, 2016. The market will be held at 606 N. Sterling lot. Hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Harvest Market is open to the general public. Vendor's are required to have a permit to set up a booth. This consists of a 10' x 10' space. Contact Connie Dickinson for booth permit.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

## PLEASE NOTE:

It is important for all residents to understand that when mowing your lawn the grass clippings must not be deposited in the street. This is a violation of City Ordinance NO. 2069, in Section 20-12 (11) – Nuisances, which states in part, items thrown, left, deposited, or caused to be left, thrown, or deposited by anyone, in or upon any street, sidewalk, park, public place, public enclosure, lot, vacant or occupied.

The grass clippings can clog the storm drains which could result in the streets flooding during a rain event. Public works is constantly cleaning the storm drains to help with proper drainage but if a resident blows the grass clipping to the street just before a rain storm the results could be damaging to property and endanger the safety of other residents.

Please pick up all yardwaste debris and place in a container at the city right-of-way. Public Works will then pick up during the weekly yardwaste collection.

If you have any questions please call public works at 816-252-4413.

Thank you,

— Ed Layton, Director of Public Works

# SLAVIC FESTIVAL

## JUNE 10 & 11, 2016

### SLAVIC FESTIVAL CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE HISTORICAL ROOTS

The Sugar Creek Slavic festival is preparing for its 31st annual event on June 10 and 11. The Slavic festival will continue to celebrate Slavic traditions featuring the Grammy-nominated Alex Meixner. Alex returns this year to headline the event with high-energy performances of traditional and contemporary Slavic classics and polka. Musical appearances will also be made by the Sugar Creek Kolo Kids, Ethnic Dance Troupe Tamburitzans, village musicians and more. The financial success of the festival has made a major impact on Sugar Creek with close to \$200,000 donated to community projects over the years by the Slavic festival's fair & festival Board. It's an effort aided by sponsorships from businesses and individuals as part of the Community Arts program. For more information visit [www.slavicfest.com](http://www.slavicfest.com)

### KIELBASA KING

Do you have what it takes to be crowned champion of the Sugar Creek Slavic festival's Sausage Eating Contest? Sign-up to participate in this year's challenge which will be held Friday night, June 10th. Winners will receive royal recognition and a fabulous prize package! Visit [slavicfest.com/participate](http://slavicfest.com/participate) to enter.

### DANCE PRACTICE

Dance practice for the Sugar Creek Ethnic Dance Troupe and Kolo Kids will begin on Monday, May 2 at the Sugar Creek Gym. Practice for children ages 3 and up be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the adult practice for both men and women will be from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. No experience is necessary and it's a great chance to have some fun while getting a good workout. To sign up or to receive more information, please visit [slavicfest.com/participate](http://slavicfest.com/participate) or contact Debbie Ray at (816) 461-4877.

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

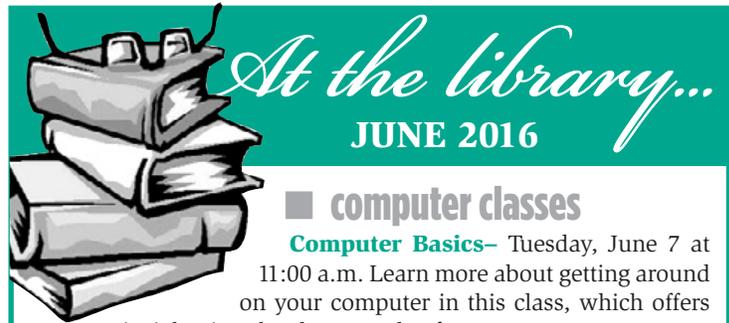
Get involved in your community by volunteering to work at this year's Slavic festival. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and give back to our City. To volunteer, please contact Debbie Ray at (816) 461-4877 or go online and visit [slavicfest.com/participate](http://slavicfest.com/participate) to register.

# NEIGHBORLY NEWS

## Life of Orrick Remembered

Paul Frederick Orrick, 78, of Sugar Creek, passed away Friday, June 6, 2016.

A memorial service with Catholic Mass was held Saturday, June 14, at Nativity of Mary Catholic Church in Independence.



### computer classes

**Computer Basics**– Tuesday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m. Learn more about getting around on your computer in this class, which offers insights into hardware and software components.

**Internet Basics**– Tuesday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. Learn what the Internet and your Internet browser can do for you! This class concentrates on the basics of online searches.

**E-Mail Basics**– Tuesday, June 21 at 11:00 a.m. Sign up for a free e-mail account and follow along this tutorial teaches the ins and outs of sending and receiving email, as well as how to organize your messages.

**Computer Basics**– Tuesday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m. Learn more about getting around on your computer in this class, which offers insights into hardware and software components.

### crafts

**Quilting For The People**– Saturday, June 4 and Saturday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m. This bi-weekly class at Sugar Creek offers many options for all levels of quilters. Bring a project, start a project, or come to learn something new. Class is every other Saturday at the Sugar Creek Library. Call Nancy at 816-252-3344 for more information.

### book clubs

**After Lunch Book Club**– Thursday, June 9 and Thursday, June 23 at 1:30 p.m. Join us for an After Lunch Book Club at the Sugar Creek Branch Library as we read and discuss great books. Discussions moderated by Christy Tapko.

**Fairmount Community Center Book Group**– Wednesday, June 29 at 12:15 p.m. Join us at the Fairmount Community Center. Books are provided by the Sugar Creek Branch Library. Discussions moderated by Mary Roberson.

### activities

**Kid's Craft/Activity**– Tuesday, June 7 and Tuesday, June 21 at 4:00 p.m. Ready...Set...Read! Summer reading program craft and activity on Tuesday afternoons.

**Drum Safari**– Thursday, June 16 at 5:00 p.m. Interactive songs, dancing, and of course DRUMMING! Program will be held off-site at Mallinson Elementary School, 709 N Forest.

**Kansas City Zoo**– Thursday, June 23 at 4:00 p.m. Visit a small part of the Kansas City Zoo at the Library! Designed to reach all ages, our Zoo Educators will share information about the animal kingdom and the Zoo. Presented with 3 animal ambassadors and touchable animal artifacts, audience members will get an up close opportunity to experience animals in new and memorable ways.

## LIBRARY HOURS:

**Monday - Thursday ..... 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Friday and Saturday ..... 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Sunday ..... Closed**



# SUMMER JOBS

The City of Sugar Creek public works department is accepting applications for the position of part-time laborer; at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. Minimum of 16 years old. The position is for a period of 13 weeks.

Applications are accepted at  
Sugar Creek City Hall between the hours of  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
PUBLIC WORKS 816-252-4413



This hourly position will perform professional accounting work including, accounts payable, the administration of payroll, and auditing financial accounts. Accounting experience is required. Applications will be accepted through June 24, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Sugar Creek employment application can be found online at [www.sugar-creek.mo.us](http://www.sugar-creek.mo.us) and is required along with resume. Please submit to Human Resources at City Hall 103 S. Sterling, Sugar Creek, MO 64054.

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# Sweet Talk

## June 2016 Calendar

City Hall Offices  
Public Works  
Parks & Recreation

252-4400  
252-4413  
252-4400, ext. 1137

Police or Fire Emergencies  
Non Emergencies  
[www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City\\_News.html](http://www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City_News.html)

911  
252-7058

| sunday | monday               | tuesday              | wednesday            | thursday               | friday | saturday |
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|        |                      |                      | 1<br>Refuse Route 3  | 2<br>Yardwaste Pickup  | 3      | 4        |
|        | 5<br>Refuse Route 1  | 6<br>Refuse Route 2  | 8<br>Refuse Route 3  | 9<br>Yardwaste Pickup  | 10     | 11       |
|        | 12<br>Refuse Route 1 | 13<br>Refuse Route 2 | 15<br>Refuse Route 3 | 16<br>Yardwaste Pickup | 17     | 18       |
|        | 19<br>Refuse Route 1 | 20<br>Refuse Route 2 | 21<br>Refuse Route 3 | 22<br>Yardwaste Pickup | 23     | 24       |
|        | 26<br>Refuse Route 1 | 27<br>Refuse Route 2 | 28<br>Refuse Route 3 | 29<br>Yardwaste Pickup | 30     | 31       |

**BE SURE TO REMEMBER...**  
 CLUB WALK: Monday-Friday, 9-10:00 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym  
 ZUMBA CLASS: Every Mon. & Wed., 6-7 p.m. at the Mike Onka Bldg. - \$5.00/class

6:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Picnic In The Park  
Harrison Park Shelter House  
5:30 p.m. Municipal Court  
Police and Fire Building

6:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting  
Past due notification date

5:30 p.m. Municipal Court  
Police and Fire Building

7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning  
Commission Mtg. - City Hall

Delinquent date for utilities

31st Annual Slavic Festival